



Washington Update

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Welcome to my Washington Update, an e-mail newsletter for the constituents of California's 29th Congressional District. Through these quick-read updates, I hope to keep you informed of progress being made in Washington, D.C. and at home on public policy issues of interest to our communities.

Please note that federal election laws prohibit me from sending you updates until after November's election, unless you have signed up to receive my e-newsletter. If you want to continue to hear from me about what is going on in Congress, please sign by [clicking here](#).

House Votes on Legislation to Provide Additional Tax Cuts and Increase in the Minimum Wage

Early Saturday morning, the House Majority made it clear that it would not allow a vote to increase in the minimum wage unless it was tied to a repeal of the estate tax, thereby dooming the minimum wage increase by tying it to a multi-hundred billion dollar tax cut. Representative Adam Schiff has supported an increase in the minimum wage and urged a vote on a clean bill. Schiff favors estate tax relief, but believes the country cannot afford a repeal given the fact that the country is facing record deficits. Accordingly, he was forced to vote against the combined estate tax/minimum wage bill. However, the bill narrowly passed the House and now awaits a vote in the Senate.

Rep. Schiff has voted six times this year in support of legislation to increase the minimum wage.

Bipartisan Bill to Broaden Intelligence Oversight Offered in the House of Representatives

A bipartisan group of Representatives introduced the Intelligence Oversight Act (H.R. 5954) late last week. The bill would enhance oversight of our intelligence agencies by ensuring relevant congressional committees are aware of the scope of our intelligence agencies programs. The bill was

authored by Reps. Jeff Flake and Adam Schiff and cosponsored by Reps. Bob Inglis, James McGovern, Ron Paul, and Connie Mack.

Rep. Schiff also testified last week in support of the “NSA Oversight Act”—legislation he introduced in March to address the NSA’s domestic surveillance program – at a hearing of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. During his testimony, Schiff pointed out that most Members of Congress have still received no information on the NSA program outside of newspaper reports, including almost every member of the House Judiciary Committee which has jurisdiction over wiretap laws, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), terrorism, and civil liberties.

To read more about the Intelligence Oversight Act, please [click here.](#)

Proposals to Stop Internet Predators, Solve Murders Become Law

The President signed the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (H.R. 4472) into law on July 27th. The bill included two proposals authored by Rep. Schiff -- one to protect our children from on-line predators and another to help police solve difficult murder cases.

H.R. 4472 is a comprehensive law that includes provisions from several bills that seek to improve sex offender registration, provide law enforcement resources to protect children, protect children from Internet predators, and prevent child exploitation and child pornography.

To read more about these proposals, please [click here.](#)

Rep. Schiff’s District Office to Relocate in September

Rep. Schiff will be relocating his district office from its current location at 35 S. Raymond Avenue in Pasadena to a new office at 87 N. Raymond Avenue in Pasadena. The phone numbers will remain the same but the mailing address will change effective September 1, 2006. Congressman Schiff always enjoys hearing from his constituents and he welcomes their questions and comments. As a reminder, below is contact information on how best to get in touch with Congressman Schiff. Please feel free to call, fax or drop by for a visit.

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